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Dear Charlie:

Please accept my apologies for not answering your 16 January letter sooner. It has taken some time to get the answers concerning your pay, transportation of furniture, etc., out of the Finance and Services people.

First of all, I made a very rough check on your accumulated leave and our records indicate that (1) When you left London you had 480 hours of leave accrued and (2) You will earn by 15 March 197 hours. This makes a total of 677 hours. Hasty figuring indicates that you will just about exhaust all of your leave accrued and to be accrued by 15 March. You can check this for yourself, but under these circumstances I would suggest that you report in before your leave is completely exhausted. Otherwise we would have no alternative but to carry you on leave without pay. You may also want a couple of days after you get here to look around for a place to live.

We regret very much that the government will not pay for shipment of your furniture inasmuch as you are on leave from London and payment for such shipment would be allowable only in case of a transfer to London. I am in full sympathy with you and it seems hardly fair that the government will not do this for you since they never paid the original cost of transporting your furniture. Nevertheless, it seems that those are the rules and regulations and we are powerless to change them.

We in Washington have no record of your Thanksgiving Day overtime and have taken no further action to correct the record. This can be corrected when you are here either by wiring [] and getting it straightened out or it can be adjusted any time on the London payroll. We, of course, cannot make any adjustment here unless [] furnishes us an official statement that you did work and that an error was made in paying you.

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Insofar as we are concerned, it doesn't matter to us whether or not you claim your latest addition to the family as a dependent. Sooner or later, however, you would certainly want to make this claim and I should think it would be wiser all along to keep the record straight.

We shall look forward to seeing you some time during March.

Sincerely,

L. K. White

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